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August 10, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Point Reyes National Seashore "Helping Hands: Restoring Tomales Bay Watershed" proposal

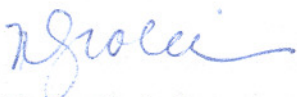
Dear Chairman Bosco:

The Marin Resource Conservation District (RCD) expresses our support of the Point Reyes National Seashore "Helping Hands: Restoring Tomales Bay Watershed" proposal. This project follows up on the RCD's priorities including local watershed and strategic plans that support agricultural producers in their efforts to conserve and improve upon our natural resources.

The Helping Hands project not only provides on the ground restoration efforts involving the partners within the Tomales Bay Watershed but also provides the greater watershed community with information to assist in future best management practices on agricultural lands. Now more than ever, we need to be smarter with our dollars. This project proposes to 1) repair two sources of pollutants to the bay and 2) publish important project outcomes that will demonstrate what best management practices (BMP) provide the greatest improvements to water quality. Twelve project sites will be used to monitor downstream loading before and after projects are implemented. These sites are examples of several types of BMPs, and we expect them to have varying results. This proposal offers to collect information to gauge the success, feasibility and cost effectiveness of these practices and to publish these results for broad application.

This project will be an excellent example of coastal conservation in action, and we wholeheartedly support the Point Reyes National Seashore in their efforts. We look forward to hearing about the progress of this proposal, and encourage the Seashore to continue to pursue similar activities on the lands they manage.

Sincerely,



Nancy Scolari
Executive Director

TOMALES BAY WATERSHED COUNCIL

Chair of the Conservancy
Douglas Bosco
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1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

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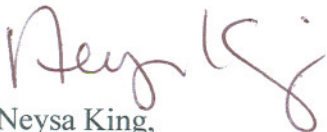
Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Tomales Bay Watershed Council in support of the Point Reyes National Seashore Proposal "Helping Hands: Restoring Tomales Bay Watershed." This project is an excellent example of coastal conservation in action, and we wholeheartedly support the Point Reyes National Seashore in their continued efforts to improve water quality, habitats and resource management within the region.

This project proposes to 1) repair two sources of pollutants to the bay, and 2) publish important project outcomes that will demonstrate which best management practices (BMP) provide the greatest improvements to water quality. We applaud the project approach which will use a series of sites to monitor downstream loading before and after projects are implemented. These sites are examples of several types of BMPs, and we expect them to have varying results. This proposal offers to collect information to gauge the success, feasibility and cost effectiveness of these practices and to publish these results for broad application. In this way, the project not only provides on the ground restoration efforts involving the partners within the Tomales Bay Watershed, but also provides the greater watershed community with information to assist in future best management practices on agricultural lands. Now more than ever, we need to be smarter with our dollars, and the lessons learned in this project will be applied to future projects in the watershed.

We sincerely encourage you to assist with funding this important project, and look forward to the Park's ongoing leadership in natural resource management and restoration.

Thank you,



Neysa King,
Watershed Coordinator

Cc: Jeff Melby, SCC; Brannon Ketcham, PRNS

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Environmental Action Committee—protecting West Marin since 1971

July 16, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chairman of the Board
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Mr. Bosco,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Environmental Action Committee of West Marin in support of the Point Reyes National Seashore Proposal "Helping Hands: Restoring Tomales Bay Watershed." This project not only provides on the ground restoration efforts involving the partners within the Tomales Bay Watershed but also provides the greater watershed community with information to assist in future best management practices on agricultural lands.

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This project is an excellent example of coastal conservation in action, and we wholeheartedly support the Point Reyes National Seashore in their efforts. We look forward to hearing about the progress of this proposal, and encourage the Seashore to continue to pursue similar activities on the lands they manage.

If you wish to contact me about this proposal, do not hesitate to call (415) 717-6833 or email EAC@svn.net. Thank you for the opportunity to show strong support for this and the Seashore's many strong conservation and educational programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frederick Smith, Jr.", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Frederick Smith, Jr.
Executive Director

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